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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 19,931; Week ago 22,259; Year ago 26,0242 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
346 lbs.	137.02	375 lbs.	123.72	464 lbs.	87.62
452 lbs.	129.54	452 lbs.	117.07	558 lbs.	86.80
556 lbs.	122.68	559 lbs.	115.07	646 lbs.	83.93
645 lbs.	119.84	634 lbs.	113.73	755 lbs.	84.64
742 lbs.	116.11	737 lbs.	113.10	836 lbs.	86.84
829 lbs.	117.14	831 lbs.	106.87		

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains)

Receipts: 3950; Week ago 3850; Year ago 3239 Compared to last week, steers 550-700 lbs and heifers 500-650 lbs steady to 4.00 higher, heavier yearlings 2.00 lower, steers under 550 lbs 1.00 to 3.00 lower, heifers under 500 lbs steady. Slaughter cows 1.00 higher, bulls steady to 1.00 higher.

STEERS:		<u>HEIFERS</u> :		
Medium and Large 1		Medium a	and Large 1	
		1		
300-400 lbs.	Scarce	300-400 lbs.	121.00-125.00	
400-500 lbs.	121.00-132.00	400-500 lbs.	17.00-123.00	
500-600 lbs.	117.00-125.00	500-600 lbs.	108.50-119.50	
600-700 lbs.	117.00-124.00	600-700 lbs.	107.00-111.00	
Pkg 720 lbs.	111.50	Pkg 730 lbs.	108.00	
Pkg 870 lbs.	108.50			
Large 3 H	Iolsteins	SLAUGHTER C	OWS:	
		Breaking and Boning (70-85%		
600-650 lbs.	75.50-78.00	lean) 48.00-56.00), high dressing	
Pkg 830 lbs.	87.00	53.50-60.00. Lea		
		43.50-49.00, low	dressing 35.00-	
		42.50		
SLAUGHTER BU	JLLS: Yield	REPLACEMENT	Γ COWS: Me-	
Grade 1-2 1300-2		dium and Large 1-2 4 to 7 yrs		
68.00, high dressi	ng 70.50-74.00.	1100-1535 lbs mixed colored and		
low dressing 60.0	,	average 1 uality 2nd and 3rd stage		
Č			er head, few better	
COW & CALF PA	AIRS: Medium	quality and mostl		
and Large 1-2 3 y		930.00, couple fa		
1200 lbs with 100-350 lbs calves		stage heifers 100		
1020.00-1065.00	per pair, Me-	950-1215 lbs mixed colored and		
dium 2 pkg 900 lb		average quality 2	nd and 3rd stage	
thin with baby to			ew 5 to 7 yrs 1100	

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lbs average quality 1st stage 535.00-640.00 per head.

650.00 per pair.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 4100; week ago 6822; year ago 7006 Cow and Bull Receipts 837; week ago 1408; year ago 2562 Compared to last week, steers Holsteins and heifers weak to 5.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 1.00 higher.

STEI Medium at 300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.		Medium	FERS: and Large 1 Scarce 111.50-120.00 108.00-115.00 103.250111.00 103.50-105.50 101.50-104.25	
HOLSTEINS: Large Frame 3 300-400 lbs. Scarce 400-500 lbs. 85.00-94.00 500-600 lbs. 84.50-91.00 600-700 lbs. 82.50-87.50 700-800 lbs. 87.00-87.50		SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 51.00-57.50, high dressing 55.00-63.00 Lean (85-90%) 42.00-49.00, low dressing 31.00-45.00. SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1160-2370 lbs 63.00-69.00; high dressing 68.00-72.50, low dressing 55.00-63.00.		
REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss 2nd and 3rd stage 860-1365 lbs 660.00-885.00 some better quality cows 900.00-985.00 per head, 1st stage 925-1285 lbs 630.00-925.00 per head.		COW & CALF I and Large 1-2 2 black-white face 1225.00, several 110-285 lb calve per pair.	years 1075 lbs with 350 lb calf	
NORTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (Marvville, St.Joe)				

(Maryville, St Joe)

Receipts: 205, Week ago 2106, Year ago 675

Compared to last week no comparable sales as excessive heat curtailed receipts. Slaughter cows and bulls steady.

FEEDER S	TEERS:	<u>FEEDER HEIFERS</u> :		
Medium and	Large 1-2	Medium and Large 1-2		
300-400 lbs.	Scarce	300-400 lbs.	123.50	
400-500 lbs.	Scarce	400-500 lbs.	121.50-124.00	
500-600 lbs.	120.00-127.00	500-600 lbs.	109.75-114.75	
600-700 lbs.	115.00-126.00	600-700 lbs.	111.50-111.75	
700-800 lbs.	106.50-119.00	700-800 lbs.	Scarce	
800-900 lbs.	Scarce	800-900 lbs.	Scarce	
900-1000 lbs.	Scarce	900-1000 lbs.	Scarce	
REPLACEMENT O	COWS: Medium	SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking		
and Large 1-2 Scarc	e	and Boning (70-85% lean) 48.00-		
		55.00, high dressing 53.50-57.5,		
		Lean (85-90%) 4	0.00-45.50.	
COW & CALF PAI		SLAUGHTER B		
and Large 1-2 Scarc	ee	Grade 1-2, 1650-2050 lbs. 60.00-		

63.00.

WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia, Kingsville, Passaic)

Receipts 1132; Week ago 1081; Year ago 2306

Compared to last week feeder steers steady to firm, and heifers weak. Slaughter cows were steady to 1.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:		FEEDER HEIFERS:		
Medium and Large 1 and 1-2		Medium and I	Large 1 and 1-2	
300-400 lbs.	140.00-143.00	300-400 lbs.	122.00-125.00	
400-500 lbs.	124.00-141.75	400-500 lbs.	106.00-125.00	
500-600 lbs.	112.00-133.00	500-600 lbs.	106.00-115.00	
600-700 lbs.	116.00-121.25	600-700 lbs.	104.75-109.50	
700-800 lbs.	111.00-117.00	700-800 lbs.	104.28-106.00	
800-900 lbs.	108.75-112.75	Pkg 835 lbs.	102.75	
REPLACEMEN Medium and Lar ss, 1050-1585 lbs 800.00-975.00 pe	ge 1-2 2 yrs to s, 2nd-3rd stage,	SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 49.00-54.00, High dressing 53.50-59.50, Lean (85-90%) 45.00-49.25, low dressing 40.00-44.75.		
COW & CALF P and Large 1-2 So		SLAUGHTER E Grade 1-2, 1200- 69.50, high dress low dressing 56.0	-2045 lbs 63.50- sing 71.00-72.00,	

EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville) Receipts: 3610; Week ago 3324; Year ago 3802

Compared to last week, feeder steer and heifer calves unevenly steady, yearlings steady to firm. Slaughter cows steady.

FEEDER S	FEEDER STEERS:		<u>FEEDER HEIFERS</u> :			
Medium and I		Medium and	Large 1 & 1-2			
			Ü			
350-400 lbs.	121.00-135.00	350-400 lbs.	114.00-129.00			
400-500 lbs.	115.00-135.00	400-500 lbs.	109.00-122.00			
500-600 lbs.	115.00-132.50	500-600 lbs.	110.00-120.50			
600-700 lbs.	110.00-134.00	600-700 lbs	105.00-118.50			
700-800 lbs.	109.50-126.50	700-800 lbs	103.00-117.85			
800-850 lbs.	105.00-116.00		104.25-106.25			
SLAUGHTER STE ERS: Select and C 91.00		Boning, and Lea	COWS: Breaking, an (70-90% lean) gh dressing 50.00-			
		65.00, low dress	sing 35.00-45.00.			
			BULLS: Yield 0-2200 lbs 60.00- ssing 70.00-73.50			
NORTHE	NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY					

(Palmyra, Green City, New Cambria, Macon)
Feeder Cattle Receipts 3860; week ago 1338; year ago 3796
Slaughter Cattle Receipts 81; week ago 69; year ago 103
Feeder steers and heifers under 700 lbs steady to 2.00 lower, over 700 lbs steady to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 lower. Slaughter steers and heifers steady.

<u>FEEDER</u> Medium an			HEIFERS: nd Large 1-2
300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	129.00-135.00 124.50-131.00 119.75-133.50 116.25-126.75	500-600 lbs.	Scarce 115.00-127.00 112.50-124.50 112.00-119.75 106.00-117.10 Scarce
SLAUGHTER ST 2-3 1200-1350 lbs			COWS: Breaking 85% lean) 52.50- ing 48.00-54.00
SLAUGHTER HE 2-3 1150-1200 lbs		SLAUGHTER E Grade 1-2, 1250 68.75	

REPLACEMENT COWS: Large 1-2 3-5 yrs, 1250-1350 lbs, 3rd

stage, 1240.00-1270.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium

and Large 1-2 Scarce

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Fruitland, Patton)

Receipts 1354; Week ago: 1558; Year ago 1266

Compared to last week 600 lbs steers and 300 lb heifers 2.00 higher, others weights 2.00 to 5.00 lower. Slaughter cows steady, bulls 1.00

Medium and Large	1-2	Medium and	l Large 1-2
400-500 lbs. 105.0 500-600 lbs. 105.5 600-700 lbs. 105.0	0-119.00 3 0-123.50 4 0-121.00 5 0-120.25 6 0-105.50 7	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs.	99.00-117.00 95.00-115.00 96.00-106.00 92.00-95.00 Scarce

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 4 to 7 yrs 920-1355 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage 510.00-805.00 per head.

FEEDER STEERS:

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and boning (75-85% lean) 46.75-53.00; high dressing 54.00-59.75, Lean 39.00-44.50.

FEEDER HEIFERS:

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2 3 to 7 yrs 950-1410 Grade 1-2, 1435-2150 lbs, 58.00lbs with 70-270 lbs calves 745.00-910.00 per pair.

FEEDER STEERS:

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield 60.75, high dressing 63.25.

FEEDER HEIFERS:

SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba, Vienna)

Receipts: 1901, Week ago 1973, Year ago 2502

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers steady to 4.00 lower, except some full loads of 650-800 lb heifers 4.00 to 6.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 lower.

Medium a	and Large 1	Medium and Large 1-2		
300-400 lbs.	120.00-138.00	300-400 lbs.	110.50-126.50	
400-500 lbs.	112.50-128.00	400-500 lbs.	108.00-117.50	
500-600 lbs.	110.00-125.00	500-600 lbs	108.00-116.00	
600-700 lbs.	110.25-122.00	600-700 lbs.	105.00-116.00	
700-800 lbs.	113.75-116.00	700-800 lbs.	101.00-112.50	
REPLACEMENT Medium and Large 1250 lbs, 3rd stage per head.	e 1-2, 3-7 yrs, 945-	SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 44.00-54.50, high dressing 51.25-57.25, Lean (85-90%) 38.50-48.00, low dressing 32.00-41.00		
COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2 Scarce.			<u>BULLS:</u> Yield -2265 lbs 58.00- ing 55.00-57.00.	

MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT

Weekly Receipts 600; Week ago 400; Year ago 400 Compared to last week live trade .50 lower No confirmed dressed sales.

STEERS: 50% Choice 1250-STEERS AND HEIFERS: 1300 lbs 89.50 No Sales

HEIFERS: No sales **GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid):** Choice 3 550-950 lbs few 142.00-145.00

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 7461, Week ago 8547; Year ago 9486 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 6.00 to 7.00 lower, Sows steady

BARROWS AND GILTS: SOWS: Base carcass meat price 62.00-

300-500 lbs 33.00-35.00 63.00. Weeks top Mon 67.00 Over 500 lbs 36.00-39.00

MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT WEANER AND FEEDER PIG REPORT

Receipts: 15,261 (08-17-07)

Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady to 1.00 lower and feeder pigs not well tested. Supply and Demand Moderate.

All pig prices based on a delivered basis including freight and fees.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights Delivered 93% formulated 10,261 head 10 lbs 27.50-38.16, weighted average 10 lbs 35.15

Feeder pigs 40-50 base weights Delivered 0 % formulated 5000 head 40 lbs 48.50

WHOLESALE FEEDSTUFFS PRICES (DOLLARS PER TON-BULK BASIS)

A	Area	Soybean Meal 48% Solvent	Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
	Kansas City	221.40	173.50	212.50	77.00
	St. Louis	240.50	162.00	240.00	57.50

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

Man, machine and beast are all waiting for some kind of relief from three digit temperatures and extreme heat indexes. Most all residents north of Hwy 36 did see some much needed moisture this week after burning up since planting season. The remainder of the state continues to suffer as a result of the heat and continues to wait for some relief. Supplemental feeding is and has been taking place in several areas as producers wait with hope of some fall pasture. The hay supply is moderate to light, demand is moderate and prices are steady. (All prices per ton unless specified) Supreme quality Alfalfa(RFV>185) 150.00-180.00 premium quality Alfalfa(RFV170-180) 140.00-175.00 Fair to Good quality Alfalfa (RFV130-170) Round bales 80.00-140.00 Small, Big squares 90.00-160.00 Good quality mixed Alfalfa and grass small square bales 3.00-6.50 per bale, 40.00-75.00 per large round bale, Good to Premium quality Prairie hay small squares 80.00-125.00, Fair to good quality Prairie hay 50.00-75.00, Premium Quality Brome large Squares 80.00-130.00 Good quality Brome 70.00-120.00 Fair quality Brome and mixed with grass round bales 35.00-50.00. Good quality Timothy Hay 3.00-4.50 per small square bale, Good quality Mixed Grass hay 30.00-60.00 per round bale. Fair to good quality bluestem 40.00 per round bale, Fair to good quality Bermuda grass 65.00 per round bale, Wheat hay 50.00-70.00, Wheat straw 1.75-3.50 per small bale.

Norwood Dairy Sale 08/09/07

Receipts: 819 Last Month: 1252 Year Ago: 856 Springer heifers: Bred 7-9 months: Supreme 2000.00-2350.00; Ind Jersey 2200.00; Approved 1800.00-2010.00, Medium 1350.00-1750.00 ind Jersey 1375.00, Bred 3-6 months: Supreme 2075.00-2400.00; Approved 1800.00-2075.00, Medium 1425.00-1825.00 Crossbreds 1800.00-2025.00. Open Heifers Approved 300-400 lbs 935.00-1060.00; 400-500 lbs 1100.00-1250.00; Crossbreds 850.00-910.00; 500-600 lbs 1260.00-1350.00; 600-650 lbs 1375.00-1385.00 pkg 808 lbs 1590.00, 930-940 lbs 1500.00. Cows Bred 3-6 months Approved 1650.00-1850.00 Crossbreds 1600.00-1760.00. Baby Calves: Holstein heifers 550.00-660.00; bulls 130.00-165.00.

Highlandville, MO- Sheep and Goat 08/16/07 Receipts: 712 Last Month: 970

Sheep: Slaughter Lambs: Choice 1-2 wooled and shorn white faced 60-80 lbs 85.00-92.00; 106-160 lbs 71.00-84.00. Replacement Ewes: white faced few 125-183 lbs 16.00-26.00.

Goats: Slaughter Classes- Kids: Selection 1 50-60 lbs 104.00-116.00 Selection 2 50-60 lbs 86.00-95.00. Selection 3 60-70 lbs 91.00-96.00. Replacement Classes- Does/Nannies: Selection 1 few reg. Boer Nannies 70.00-75.00. Selection 1-2 47.00-65.00. Selection 2-3 42-55 lbs 60.00-65.00. young nannies 49.00-76.00 per head. Stocker/Feeder Kids: Selection 2 30-40 lbs 93.00-110.00; 40-50 lbs 95.00-110.00. Selection 3 30-40 lbs 82.50-90.00; 40-50 lbs 80.00-90.00. few light weights 22.50-40.00 per head.

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .44 to .45 lower, Wheat .04 to .06 higher, Corn .05 to .07 lower, KC Wheat Sep .04 lower, others unchanged to .09 higher, Soybean meal 14.00 to 15.50 lower.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
Soybeans Aug Sep Nov Jan Mar	861 866 881 3/4 896 3/4 906 1/2	850 851 866 881 3/4 892 3/4	839 854 1/2 870 1/2 881 1/2	799 1/4 814 1/2 830 1/4 841 1/4	811 1/2 827 3/4 842 3/4 852 1/2
Wheat Sep Dec Mar May Jul	666 3/4 690 1/2 685 1/4 655 580	692 1/2 711 703 673 1/2 590	678 1/2 697 695 1/2 667 1/2 586 1/4	673 687 1/2 686 659 1/2 575 1/2	672 688 1/2 684 1/4 654 573
Corn Sep Dec Mar May Jul	331 349 364 1/4 374 1/2 384	327 1/2 345 360 1/2 371 380 3/4	328 345 1/4 360 1/2 370 1/2 379 3/4	321 1/2 339 354 1/4 363 1/2 372 3/4	328 1/2 345 3/4 360 369 1/4 378 3/4
KC Wheat Sep Dec Mar May Jul	654 3/4 674 674 645 578 1/2	672 1/4 683 682 665 583 1/2	658 675 3/4 674 1/4 660 583	650 3/4 664 667 3/4 654 1/2 575	650 1/2 664 668 645 575
SB Meal Aug Sep Oct Dec Jan	235.60 237.00 239.30 244.10 246.20	232.80 233.40 236.00 239.90 242.50	227.80 231.00 235.10 238.20	218.80 220.80 225.50 226.90	218.80 222.00 225.70 228.50

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TREND

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .45 to 1.73 higher, Lean Hogs 1.70 to 3.53 lower, Pork Bellies uneven 2.90 lower to 2.55 higher, Feeder Cattle 1.45 to 2.30 higher.

Daily Futures Closes

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	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.		
Cattle Aug Oct Dec Feb Apr	90.75 95.05 98.17 98.35 98.45	91.02 95.15 98.22 98.20 98.45	92.12 95.92 98.90 98.97 99.45	90.50 93.70 97.00 97.30 97.95	91.95 95.47 97.87 98.80 99.05		
Lean Hogs Aug Oct Dec Feb Apr	73.95 71.40 70.52 71.82 71.85	74.00 69.80 68.67 70.00 70.80	68.57 67.67 68.45 69.65	66.97 66.30 67.90 68.45	67.27 66.65 68.65 68.90		
Prk Bel Aug Feb Mar May Jun	74.50 95.50 95.90 94.00	74.50 92.77 93.20 93.75	74.20 92.85 93.20 95.25	72.80 92.60 93.00 94.00	73.10 93.97 94.05 95.05 96.05		
Fdr Cat Aug Sep Oct Nov Jan	115.52 115.35 115.87 115.72 113.60	115.70 115.80 116.02 116.00 113.75	116.17 116.37 116.55 116.92 114.37	115.50 115.32 115.52 115.90 113.75	116.42 116.87 117.22 117.32 114.97		
Milk Aug Sep Oct	19.76 19.59 18.68	19.78 19.35 18.45	19.78 19.56 18.57	19.72 19.25 18.20	19.82 19.36 18.38		

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .28 to .31 lower Wheat .14 lower to .11 higher Corn .04 to .10 lower Grain Sorghum unchanged to .09 lower

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Weekly Missouri Science Cush Grain Blus				
Area	#1 Soy- bean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
Kansas City Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	8.09 7.96 7.85 7.50 7.66	6.10 6.27 6.13 5.96 5.96	3.31 3.28 3.28 3.22 3.29	5.52 5.45 5.45 5.34 5.46
St. Louis Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	7.93-8.14 7.93-8.00 7.93-8.00 7.52-7.69 7.68-7.81	5.91 6.17 6.04 5.99 6.00	3.20-3.21 3.17-3.21 3.15-3.18 3.08-3.11 3.15-3.18	5.96 5.92 5.92 5.82 6.00
Central Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	7.72-7.76 7.57-7.61 7.46-7.49 7.06-7.09 7.19-7.22	5.57-5.87 5.83-6.13 5.69-5.99 5.63-5.93 5.62-5.92	3.21 3.18 3.15-3.18 3.07-3.10 3.14	4.83 4.78 4.91 4.76 4.89
S.E. MO Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	7.96-8.06 7.85-7.90 7.79-7.84 7.44-7.48 7.55-7.60	5.78-5.87 6.07-6.13 5.93-5.99 5.88-5.94 5.84-5.93	2.81-3.04 2.80-2.94 2.82-2.91 2.70-2.82 2.84-2.89	6.12-6.37 6.05-6.23 6.14-6.19 5.94-6.05 6.12-6.21

(PRICES PER BU. EXCEPT GR. SORG. PER CWT)
*NEW CROP

Weekly Crop Report

Thunderstorms brought needed moisture to crops and pastures in most counties across the northern third of the state. However, the remainder of the state experienced little to no relief from dryness and very hot temperatures, which reached 100 degrees or above in many areas. As a result, row crop and pasture conditions deteriorated considerably. All districts are 11 percent or less in the adequate and surplus categories for topsoil moisture except the northwest, north-central, and westcentral; of those three, the northwest improved by 18 points to 47 percent adequate to surplus, the north-central improved by 15 points to 19 percent, but the west-central plunged 29 points to 21 percent. Topsoil moisture at the state level is rated 42 percent very short, 42 percent short, 15 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Eighty-five percent of the corn crop is in dough stage, 5 days behind last year but the same as the five-year average. Forty-nine percent is dented, 5 days behind last year and 2 days behind normal. There were reports of corn blown over by high winds during thunderstorms in the northwest. Reporters indicate that corn in the driest areas continues to mature rapidly. The condition rating fell by 9 points in good to excellent from last week to 8 percent very poor, 15 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 37 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. Soybean blooming is at 80 percent, 9 days behind last year and 6 days behind average. Fifty-eight percent is setting pods, 4 days behind last year and slightly behind the 5-year average of 60 percent. Soybean condition is rated 8 percent very poor, 17 percent poor, 39 percent fair, 32 percent good, and 4 percent excellent, a decline of 8 points from last week in good to excellent. Reporters wrote that pod filling is very slow, while a Franklin County reporter commented that areas of the driest fields are wilting. Double-crop soybeans in many areas are short and struggling to grow. Sorghum heading is at 79 percent, 10 days behind last year and 4 days behind normal. Twenty-five percent is turning color, 5 days behind last year and marginally behind average. Isolated fields have reached maturity in the northeast, south-central, and southeast regions. Sorghum condition is rated 3 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 45 percent fair, 37 percent good, and 3 percent excellent, down 10 points in good to excellent from last week.